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Environmental Assessment Addressing Three Creeks Grazing Lease and Allotment Management Plan Available for Public Review

A proposed grazing plan entitled Three Creeks has been completed for about 2,630 acres of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Lincoln County. The lands are within the Spokane BLM District's Border Resource Area. The environmental assessment (EA) and proposed decision are available for public review at the BLM Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212, telephone (509) 536-1200. These documents are also available at the Spokane District BLM website:

<www.or.blm.gov/spokane>.

Kevin Devitt, Field Manager for the Border Resource Area, says "The grazing plan addresses any changes in the lease or allotment area and also identifies specific or additional measures to maintain or protect important resource values."

Comments on the Three Creeks EA must be sent to the above address. Any comments must be postmarked no later than January 4, 2003, which is 15 days after publication of legal notice in the Spokesman Review. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday except holidays and may be published as part of the EA and other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.